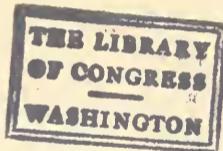


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FIRST GENERATION.

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1. ISAAC CUMMINGS appears on a list of the "Commoners" of Ipswich, Mass., on the last day of the year 1641. He is said to have had, as early as July 1638, a planting lot in "Reedy Marsh," and a house lot in town. An old record is quoted in Essex Co. Hist. & Gen. Register, to wit: "Whereas Isaac Comings... Sold Andrew Hodges of this town all the said seven acres of land, more or less, lying near highway to Jeffries Neck, 1639, 26, (6)." The name appears on a list of Freemen in Watertown, 1642. In 1652, Samuel Symonds and his wife Martha sell him in consideration of £30, 150 acres "joining partly on Daniel Clark's land." This Clark was an early settler of Topsfield. Mr. Samuel Todd, who married one of the Cummings descendants, and who had given much attention to this research, once wrote me: "There is evidence that the first Isaac owned considerable land on the west side of Howlet's (then Winthrop's) brook, pretty near two miles N. W. of the old Cummings place on this side of the river." "One hundred acres lying on the westerly side and fifty acres on the easterly side," so says Historical Collections, Vol. V. of Topsfield Historical Society.

In 1666 he was constable, and his son Isaac was his deputy, and in a deposition he states his age to be 65. The same year he was assessed 4s. 7d. to pay the town's indebtedness. He was deacon of the church, and in 1676, at least, moderator of the town meeting. No mention remains of his wife nor of her name. She was not living when his will was made, May 8, 1677. It is on file in the probate office, but unrecorded.

Will of Isaac Sr.:

"The last will and testament of Isaac Comins Senier. I, being sensible of my approaching desolution, being at present weak in body yet perfect in my understanding, having by the

grace of God bene lielped to prövid for my future state in another world: doe now in ordering of what God hath been pleased to bestow upon me of the blessings of this life, take care and order that, in the first place, my debts be duly paid. nextly I doe by this my last will and testament confirme to my son Isaac the ten acres of division land, on the south side of the great river, be it more or less: nextly, I do give unto my son, John Juet, ten pounds, part in Cattel & part in household goods: nextly, I doe will and bequeath to my grandson, Isaac, the son of my son Isaac, one year old hefer, one little sow, the Indian corn which he hath planted for himself and the flax which he hath sown.

Item, I doe give unto him my chest 2d in bigness with the lock and key: item, my history book with such books as are his own, viz. a bible and testament. item, I doe give him ten pounds to be paid at seventeen years of age in country pay. item, I doe give my son, John Pease, thirty pounds to be payd out of the stock of cattle and household goods as much as may be att present & the rest in two years. Item, I doe make my son John my sole executor and doe give unto him my house and lands, being forty acres, more or less, consisting of upland and meadow with all the privileges and emoluments thereof and apertainances therunto belonging provided that this land shall stand bound in part and in wholl for the payment of these legacieys and in case the said legacieys shall not be payd according to my will, the land shal be sold and payment be made out of the price thereof and the remainder shall be to the executor. Item, my will further is that if any of these my children shall throughly discontent att what is done for them in this my will, cause trouble to arise to the executor that then there shall be nothing pay'd to him or them, but the legacy or legacieys willed to them shall return to and remain in the hands of the executor as his proper right. My desire further is that Isaac Foster and Thomas Dorman would take care that this my will be duly performed.

Dated this 8th day of the 3d mth 1677.

Witness the mark of Isaac Cummings.

John Poore Sr.

Thomas Dorman.

Isaac Foster.

Thomas Dorman and Isaac Foster came before Samuel Symonds, D'y Gov'r, Maj. Gen. Denison Esq. Mr. Clarke being present at the day of the date hereof & saw the said Isaac Cummings signe public this to his last will and testament and that he was of a disposing mind as attest, Robert Lord, cler."

The inventory of the estate, made May 22d, as appraised by John Whipple and John How, and testified to by John Cummings, June 14, places the valuation at £166 1s. 6d. and the debts at £19 16s. 5d.

CHILDREN:

2. i. John, born about 1630. On the list of Freemen, 1672, his name precedes Isaac's. 1673, he testified in court to being 40 years old; in 1678, 43 (47?); in 1679, 50.
- ii. Isaac, born about 1633. In 1692 he testified to being 60 years; in 1696, 63.
- iii. Ann, born perhaps 1629, as she was said to be 60 years of age at her death, June 29, 1689. She married, Oct. 8, 1669, John Pease, his second marriage. His father, John came in the ship Frances, from Ipswich, Eng. The son obtained a grant of land in 1681 in Springfield, Mass., in the town now known as Enfield, Conn. He was a surveyor and laid out the plan of that village. He died there July 8, 1689. By his first wife, Mary, he had five children. She died Jan. 5, 1668. (Pease Genealogy). By the second marriage there were:
 1. James, born Oct. 23, 1670, married 1693, Hannah Harmon who died 1748, and had one son and six daughters.
 2. Isaac, born July 15, 1672, married 1691 Mindwell Osborn. Five sons and two daughters.
 3. Abigail, born Oct. 15, 1675, died July 9, 1689.
- iv. Elizabeth, born —, married Feb. 2, 1661—"same month and day of marriage of Abraham Jewett"—John Jewett, born about 1637. By deed, Feb. 23, following the marriage, Isaac Cummings conveyed to him a farm in Topsfield "for and in consideration of his marriage with my daughter, Elizabeth." She died July 9, 1679. He married second, Elizabeth Chadwell, widow of Benj. Chadwell, and only child of Joseph How of Lynn. She married second, Oct. 23, 1716, Dea. Ezekiel Jewett. John Jewett's will was

dated 29 Nov. 1708. The nine children by Elizabeth Cummings were:

1. Elizabeth, born Jan. 5, 1661-2, married, May 16, 1687, John Hidden; married second, Cornelius Davis.
2. Hannah, born —, married Jan. 20, 1684-5, Joseph Plummer of Newbury.
3. Isaac, born —, married Dorcas Hovey.
4. Sarah, born May 7, 1668 in Ipswich.
5. Abigail, born Nov. 27, 1670, in Ipswich, died Aug. 3, 1672.
6. John, born Sept. 12, 1672, (Samuel in Co. records) married Elizabeth Reyner; cooper by trade, of Rowley.
7. Abigail, born Sept. 13, 1675, died Nov. 14, 1675 in Ipswich.
8. David, born April 3, 1677.
9. Mary, born May 27, 1679, published Dec. 1709 o Philip Nealand of Ipswich.

The following four are the children by the second marriage:

10. Daniel, born Nov. 12, 1680, married Elisabeth Hopkinson.
11. Jonathan, born Dec. 2, 1685, married Ann Hopkinson.
12. Dorcas, born Dec. 7, 1690.
13. Rebecca, born Dec. 7, 1690, baptized Mar. 22, 1690.





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